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FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD FROM RODGER DAVIES NEA

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1. AS AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTION FOR PARTICIPANTS
IN THE MIDDLE EAST TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN,
I WONDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ACCOMMODATE
THEM ON THE MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BE TAKING YOU TO
TEHRAN. A NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR
CONCERN ABOUT TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE COMMERCIALY
BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION AND WE HAD
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THEREFORE AUTHORIZED INDIRECT COMMERCIAL TRAVEL FOR THEM TO ASSIST THEM IN AVOIDING PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE AREAS.

2. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS MEET YOUR AIRCRAFT WHEN IT TRANSITS ESENBAGA AIRFIELD IN ANKARA, TURKEY, AT 1055 ZULU ON APRIL 22 AND SIMILARLY DISEMBARK WHEN YOU RETURN THROUGH ESENBAGA AT 0345 ZULU ON APRIL 25 (REF B). PARTICIPANTS WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON PLANE INCLUDE AMBASSADOR TASCA, ATHENS; CHARGE SPAIN, ANKARA; AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BROWN, AMMAN; PRINCIPAL OFFICER GREENE AND

MRS. GREENE, CAIRO; AMBASSADOR POPPER, NICOSIA; PRINCIPAL OFFICER LOWRIE, BAGHDAD, AND POSSIBLY EITHER AMBASSADOR BUFFUM OR DCM HOUGHTON, BEIRUT, WHOSE ATTENDANCE DEPENDS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIRUT. WE REALIZE THAT AIRCRAFT SEATING CAPACITY WILL BE LIMITING FACTOR AND ARE PROVIDING FULL LISTING OF POSSIBLE PASSENGERS ONLY ON CONTINGENCY BASIS. ROGERS UNQUOTE PORTER

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